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Dear Ted,

I received your letters of June 10, 11 and 14 two days ago, and all at the same time.

I understand what you want to accomplish with the information about _____ and hope that you will agree to the manner in which Miller would like her to be identified (i.e., disguised). As you will recall, he would like her to be designated as "a blood relation" and further designated by a gender-less symbol. Our letters have crossed with regard to this, so I will wait until I get your response to my last input on the subject.

p. 2, ¶ 3) Thank you for the information about the handwritten manuscript. I decided that a page of the handwritten portion of Appendix 10 would work, and I have shown it to Miller to make sure there is nothing legally sensitive in it.

Please let me know if you would like me to get a copy of the Spanish-English Dictionary to you. I understand that I must first remove the hardcover, or find the paperback edition.

With regard to the legal issues associated with the publication of *Truth versus Lies*, I am aware of the delay that will most likely occur. Having said that, I would like to wait before announcing the delay. There is no reason to announce it to anyone in the media. If they ask me why the book has been delayed I will tell them that your legal situation necessitated the delay. Also: I do not want to announce until I have some idea how long the delay will be. Since there are not that many issues outstanding, I feel we may not have to make any announcement because the delay will not be worth noting. The printing press has been notified and is willing to slip the book into production on short notice. As for the legal difficulties associated with seeing certain documents, we may have to assume that the delay will be four years. That is generally how long the US Attorney office sits on requests made via the Freedom of Information Act. In this case, I am willing to assume that the information you provide is accurate based on my own check with regard to fact and specifically with regard to your character, which does not allow for error or dishonesty. I feel that the evidence of your accuracy and honesty will suffice for legal clearance of many of the questions that can only be answered by documents that form a part of Denver's attorney work product.

Re. Fischler and Sucher: You are welcome to any information I can get for you. I didn't do very much. I just listened to what they had to say and reported it accurately. Here's something else I heard: Greta van Susterin is a Scientologist. I would love to publish a book that destroyed Scientology, and I generally try to avoid anyone who tells me that they belong to that cult. I don't know if her "religion" necessarily makes her an idiot incapable of a worthwhile interview with you. But I imagine that this might be the case. This is of course my opinion, and not in anyway to be considered anything else. As for Michael Mello: I am not in a position to enter into that discussion right now, but I assure you that what you have written on pages 3 and 4 of your letter has not fallen on deaf ears.¹ Also: Shay Totten is a liberal, but he is also a radical environmentalist associated with Earth Firsters in Vermont. I have known him since I was a teenager. He confirmed that Mello said, "psyched," but I would point out that I have heard Shay use that word too.

p. 5, ¶ 4) I imagine that would indeed be the case. What I meant was belated wishes of a happy birthday.

p. 6, ¶ PS) As I told you in an earlier letter, Bonnie denied any such deliberate persuasion when I asked him.

Letter of June 11. I cannot describe the belly laugh this letter produced. I wish you would say this directly to Getman (and I will post it if you like). ^{*} called me just as I had finished the first page and she can report that I was still in the throws of laughter when I got on the phone. Had you only known the even deeper level to which one can follow this thing: My birthday is April 11, 1969. April = 4 or 2^2 . $11 = 1+1=2$, and the entire outcome is $4+1+1+1+9+6+9$, which is equal to 31, $3+1=4$, which is of course 2^2 . Fantastically clever. In addition, my two closest friends were born on the 11th and 22nd of October. The first comes out to 8, or 2^2 squared again, and the second is equal to, as you've already deduced, 22!, yet another 2^2 . Need I point out that the beast that represents my sign has *two* horns? I wonder what Getman would think were he to know that I once dated a girl who was born on April 20 who had two arms, breasts, feet, etc? It is all rather extraordinary (and evil).

p. 7, ¶ 2-3) I will look for the article as soon as you can get the fragment to me. I know Jim Brooke slightly, and might simply call him, but I will not do so if you do not want me to. I will add the changes that you have indicated to the manuscript of *Truth versus Lies*.

I met with ^{*} He is a smart Swiss ectomorph who does not write for Der Spiegel (I confronted him with my research on him) but rather for the leading Zurich paper. He had wanted to submit a proposal to DS, and I don't think he was trying to mislead anyone. As a matter of fact, I am not so sure that I can rightly tell who is honest with regard to the shipful of people who would like to meet you. I do not mean to say that I have any difficulty recognizing motivation

¹ I will also add that I have had terrible gas as of late, and I am currently trying to discover its cause. It has now reached the point at which I am sometimes shocked awake. Any thoughts? (I have not been eating baked avocados.)

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 $* 11 = 1 + 1 = 2$

$** \text{Oct. 11 is exactly 6 mos after my b-day} - 6 \text{ mos, } \frac{1}{2} \text{ year} - 2 \text{ again!}$

when it is there to be witnessed (and it usually is), but I have not been favorably impressed by the so-called radicals who want to work with you anymore than the establishment types. It seems everyone has a program. I am still hoping to find someone capable of reporting solid facts in a neutral manner – that would be a *coup*. The reason _____ makes sense is obvious. Earth First! is not going to do anything untoward. But it still seems like a crapshoot with regard to the media. I am enclosing a disgusting piece that ran in a New York weekly. I have told Mello to put a lid on the disclosures about *Truth versus Lies*; I am not in a position to comment on anything else.

Since this trash had come out on the evening I met with _____ I suggested he write an analysis of it, which would probably (to my way of thinking) expose the dominant ideological theme that possesses him. He did it the very next day. You will see by the correspondence I have enclosed that he was hesitant (read unwilling) to send it in as a Letter to the Editor.

Be well.

*Yours,
Dan.*

P.S. _____ writes general interest articles about American culture and conducts interviews w/ celebrities. It is not entirely clear to me that he wants to move on to a more serious kind of journalism, but it is possible.